

U. S. COMMANDEERS 1,500,000 TONNAGE

450 Vessels Taken Over Will Be Chartered to Owners.

More than 450 ships aggregating a total of 1,500,000 tons passed into the hands of the United States yesterday. These were private vessels conscripted from the merchant marine for the Shipping Board.

For the present, the chartering board of the Shipping Board will have charge of the vessels; but in a short time a number of them will be turned back to their owners for regular operation under the direction of the Chartering Board. Conference will begin immediately between the owners and the board, and freight rates will be formulated.

In this way ocean rates will be equalized so that the fierce competition for shipping funds will be stilled. The Shipping Board will divide the space between the Allies.

Within a few weeks another call will be made, and this time, vessels of 2,000 tons and over will be requisitioned. Next will come an order taking over ships of 1,500 tons and above. Perhaps, after a while, even ships of 1,000 tons will be commandeered.

Some of the ships requisitioned will be used by the Navy Department as transports.

G. W. U. THESPIANS PLAN TO REORGANIZE

Plans are under way for the reorganization of the George Washington University players. The student council of the university has appointed a subcommittee to take charge of the work.

The dramatic association was formed three years ago and during that period has produced many successful plays, the most elaborate being "Draconis." The association this year will be recruited almost entirely from new members.

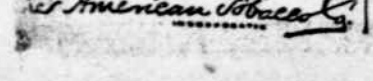
Plans will be presented at Christmas time in one of the large halls and at a theater in the spring.

Sues to Regain \$600 She Lent Husband

Suit to recover \$600 which she lent her husband to build a garage and which was never built, was filed yesterday in the District Supreme Court by Esther Daneman against Samuel Daneman.

In the wife's petition filed by Attorneys Nelson and Wilson, she declares that on September 13, last, she drew all the money she had, \$600, out of her bank and deposited it in her husband's bank to his credit to enable him to build the garage on the rear of their home at 3134 Nineteenth street northwest.

The garage was not built, she states, and when she asked for her money, all she got was a laugh.



Study the Face of a Soldier Hero of 12.



RUSSIAN BOY OF 12 WINS RED BADGE OF COURAGE BY SAVING A SOLDIER'S LIFE UNDER FIRE THAT WOUNDS HIM

Feodor Kulich, Boy Scout, Makes Three Trips Through Battlefield Cannade to Rescue Wounded Siberian—Shot in Shoulder.

Petrograd, Sept. 21, (By mail to The Washington Herald.)—Feodor Kulich, Russian boy scout of 12, wears the Red Badge of Courage.

It is on his left sleeve, just above his wrist. He got it saving Ivan Korovin, a Siberian soldier, from death.

Feodor had lived near Kishinev. And here, near the war frontier, Feodor was a member of a company of boy scouts which went even up to the first lines to serve the Russian army in recent fighting.

In the main the Russians held their ground. But the line had been weakened by the dispatch of divisions northward to the territory about Riga, and in spots it gave.

At the close of several days of scattered fighting the Austrian troops had been pushed back to their old front. And in these contested sectors, once more in the hands of the Russians, the battlefield was still littered with scattered dead and wounded.

The boy scouts were working behind the new Russian first lines, but still in the zone of the bitter bombardment the checked Austrians kept up.

Feodor Kulich found the Siberian soldier Korovin in a shell hole. The soldier had dragged himself into the crater for protection after receiving his wound.

He had been almost two days without food or water.

The 12-year-old boy made the first trip to Korovin's side, under heavy fire, when he was attracted by the waving of the man's arm over the rim of the shell crater.

Little Feodor, though the firing had hardly slackened, made a second trip to Korovin's temporary shelter, bringing food and water and bandages.

But even after the youngster had cut away the filthy cloth and swabbed away the clotted blood, the wounded Siberian could not walk. So Feodor started back for help.

He was shot in the left shoulder. But with his right hand the boy pinched a roll of bandage tightly against the wound to prevent bleeding and trudged back to the field hospital.

There, after his shoulder had been tied up, he insisted upon guiding stretcher bearers to Korovin's side. He knew for the wounded soldier it was a case of early rescue, or of death almost within reach of safety in the repeated Austrian offensives.

And for a third time the boy Feodor, despite his wound, made the trip from the safety of the field hospital behind the ridge across the shell-torn plain, in the zone of fire.

Feodor's courageous example inspired the troops of that front, and news of it spread to district headquarters.

quarters and even to Petrograd. And Korovin, ready to return to the ranks, stood by the side of 12-year-old Feodor while the Red Badge of Courage, given to Russia's wounded, was pinned on the wrist of the youngest wounded war hero who has thus far placed his name in the list of the almost innumerable instances of heroism on the Russian front.

TO DISCUSS CAMP ENVIRONS.

An important national conference is to be held here next Tuesday at which prominent people from all parts of the country will discuss the vital problem of war camp environment. It is announced at the national headquarters here of the War Camp Community Recreation Service. Preceding the conference there will be a meeting of the national committee in charge of the campaign now in progress throughout the United States to raise funds for war camp community work. John N. Willy, of Toledo, is chairman of this committee.

Museum Space for U. S. Clerks.

At the request of President Wilson, approximately 15,000 square feet of space in the foyer and adjoining rooms of the new building of the National Museum have been assigned to the Treasury Department for the use of the staff necessary to carry into effect the recent law for providing insurance, compensation, and indemnity for the enlisted men in the army and navy.

Thousands Will Avoid Annoying Catarrh This Winter

A Little Precaution Right Now Saves Untold Annoyance.

You who have been afflicted with Catarrh, know that with the first signs of cold and damp weather the disease will promptly return, and remain an unwelcome guest as of yore. Why not save yourself the suffering and inconvenience which your experience tells you is in store for you.

Avoid the folly of waiting until the disease has you within its grasp again.

Proper treatment is worth a great deal more right now than later. Catarrh cannot be permanently cured by local treatment with sprays, douches, ointments, washes, etc. Science has proven that the disease is in the blood.

That is why a thorough course of S. S. S., the unequalled blood remedy, does so much good right now. This remedy goes to the very source of the disease, and by purifying and cleansing the blood eliminates the germs of Catarrh, and drives them from the system.

Begin this treatment today, and you will be thankful for the wonderful relief you will enjoy this winter. S. S. S. is sold by druggists everywhere, and has been on the market for more than fifty years. Be sure and get the genuine S. S. S. Our Medical Director will gladly give you expert medical advice about the treatment of your own case, without charge. Write today to Swift Specific Co., 34-C, Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.—Adv.

DICTAPHONES USED ON BATTLE FRONT

Daring French Soldiers Place Instrument on German Trenches.

(By an L. N. S. Staff Correspondent.) Paris, Sept. 30.—(By mail.)—Dictaphones are coming into more widespread use at the front in the active sectors along the Chemin Des Dames and north of Verdun wherein many instances the French and German trenches are not more than twenty-five to thirty yards apart.

Where the trenches lie so close together, it is comparatively easy for a soldier to crawl through a "gate" in the barbed wire protecting his trench, wriggle across "No Man's Land," and slip several strands of barbed wire in front of the enemy position, worm along to the edge of the German trench and carefully place a dictaphone in the position.

He then makes his way carefully back to his own trench, laying out the wire as he goes, and then observers "sit in" and listen to what they can hear from the enemy position as long as the wire remains open.

The dictaphone can never be used more than a night, as with dawn the German trench inspectors—the fold-habes—are sure to discover the little hardwood box containing the instrument, and the enemy snipers are certain to detect the copper wires leading from the "listening" post to the French lines.

Often the dictaphone wire does not remain open more than a few minutes or half an hour before a shell, exploding in "No Man's Land," snaps the wire. But trained French listeners have been able to gather valuable information from eavesdropping by wire on the enemy positions.

Two of Pershing's Men Succumb to Disease

The War Department has been advised by the Commanding General of the expeditionary forces of the following casualties:

Private Charles F. Hammond, Jr., field artillery, died October 9 of acute nephritis, at line of duty. The emergency address at the War Department is Charles F. Hammond, father, 11 Kerwin street, Dorchester, Mass.

Private Raynor B. Nye, medical department, attached to infantry, died October 13 of cardiac dilatation acute, in line of duty. The emergency address at the War Department is J. B. Nye, 124 Beulah street, Whitman, Mass.

\$25. and a Dress All Husband Gave in Year, Wife Claims in Suit

Only \$25 and a dress is what Mrs. Rosa Lee Vaughan, wife of George F. Vaughan, a government employee, states in her petition for maintenance, she got in a year of married life.

The Vaughnans, the husband being in his forties, and the wife about seventeen, were married in October of last year, and have a three-month-old baby.

Twice during the first month of their married life, the wife states she was ordered away from her home after having to put up with harsh treatment at the hands of her mother-in-law. She is without means of support, she tells the court, and asks that Vaughan be compelled to pay her alimony pending the settlement of the suit.

57th ANNIVERSARY SALE

Last Week of This Big Value-Giving Event

57th Anniversary Sale

Coats and Dresses About 1/2 Price

Yesterday witnessed the greatest activity in the history of our ready-to-wear department. Everybody appeared to recognize the tremendous saving these garments represent.

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Sizes 16 to 44 and a few extra sizes. Best silks used in making the dresses and beautiful all-wool fabrics in making the suits. An array of styles represented that will leave room for no one to go away dissatisfied. A choice of colors, navy and black. Plain or elaborate effects. Worth up to \$32.50, at \$18.80. Second Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Editorial

What is your answer to the Second Liberty Loan—a loan which carries a generous interest even the previous offer of the government?

4% interest payable semi-annually. Backed by the entire resources of the United States. Available in denominations as low as \$50.00. Liberty Loan Booth—1st Floor

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Today Is \$5 Day in Millinery

And You Never Saw A Better Showing

Lansburgh & Bro. always has been famous for \$5.00 hats, and this assortment was gotten together to increase that "fame."

Some of the very newest things are hats trimmed with feather breasts. They are excellent for wear these October days. Also plenty of velvet hats in all the best shapes and sizes. Hats for women of every age and size. Second Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

Specials for Today

It's for you to decide, whether or not to save on good quality merchandise. These five items present money-saving opportunities. Will you take advantage of them?

Boys' Flannelette Night Robes, 63c. Well-made of heavy quality flannelette, in pink, blue and lavender stripes. Trimmed with silk frogs and pearl buttons. Sizes 6 to 18 years. Special, 63c. Fifth Floor.

36-in. Percal at 18c Yd. Durable quality percale—shown in striped and figured effects on white grounds. 22c value at 18c yard. Main Floor.

Ivory Candlestick, 79c. A very attractive article to complete your ivory set. Shown with shades in variety of colors. Main Floor.

Peroxide, 18c. 25c bottle of peroxide specially priced for today. Main Floor.

Real Human Hair Nets, 45c Dozen. In cap and straight styles. All colors. Main Floor.

57th Anniversary Sale

Curtains and Rugs Extra Special

At least three times as many items were crowded out of this section as are featured. In other words, you have many more exceptional values to choose from than those mentioned here. Savings are immense.

Curtain Values up to \$2.50, Pair 85c. Seconds of fine quality Nottingham Scotch fillet and cable net curtains; 2 1/2 to 3 yards long; in white, cream or beige. Imperfections very slight.

Seamless 9x12 Axminster Rugs, \$22.75. A new shipment of Mottled Axminster Rugs, finished with border on either end and closely woven in blue, cream and tan color combinations. Specially priced.

\$59.75 Real Wilton Rugs, Special, \$44.75. Bigelow Hartford make of fine Wilton Rugs in sizes 9x12 and 8x10.6. Displayed in soft shades, such as rose, tan and all-over effects. Wonderful value.

Up to \$45 Wilton Velvet Rugs, \$26.75.

57th Anniversary Sale

Fancy Chiffon Dress Taffeta

We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to offer these "hard-to-get" materials in so wide an assortment of new colorings and patterns. Wonderful variety of the season's newest Chiffon Dress Taffeta in fancy striped and plaid effects. Fashion says these are desired for dresses, skirts and waists.

42-Inch Velvet at \$5.50 Yd. This material is shown in 30 of the season's most wanted shades. You will surely find the color you desire. 42-inch Chiffon Dress and Cloaking Velvet; lustrous, fast pile; fast dye.

36-Inch Corduroy at \$1.50 Yd. It is especially desirable for winter wear, because it is stylish and keeps one warm. A wide range of desirable street shades, 36 inches wide; durable quality.

57th Anniversary Sale

A Full Size \$6 Blanket

11-4 Wool-finish Plaid Blanket, in dainty shade tonings of blue, pink, tan and gray. Closely woven. Today's price, \$6.00. Special at \$4.50. Fourth Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

57th Anniversary Interest Centers In This

SHOE SALE

Most of the time yesterday every seat in our Shoe Department was taken. Women were anxious to buy a pair of good fall and winter shoes at such a decided saving in price. Fortunately we had a large stock so that there will be plenty for today's buyers. Many styles and leathers. All lengths; all widths.

Values, \$8.50 Up.

At \$5.85 Pair

Values Up to \$8.00

At \$4.90 Pair

2nd Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

57th Anniversary Sale

Two Pretty Fall Blouses

Their newness, their style, their downright attractiveness make a strong appeal to women who admire pretty things.

Blouses, at \$3.50.

Blouses, at \$5.75.

Blouses in a large variety of dress models made of fine quality Georgette crepe. All prettily embroidered. Some have frills. Others high necks with tucks and jabots. At \$5.75.

Second Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

57th Anniversary

Regular 75c

Envelope Chemises,

White Petticoats,

Night Robes,

at 59c each.

Made of soft dainty materials and trimmed in a most becoming manner with fine laces and embroideries.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Under-

muslins at 99c.

Attractive lot of undermuslins, including night robes, envelope chemises and combinations. Made of fine quality nainsook and trimmed with laces and embroidery.

Third Floor—Lansburgh & Bro.

57th Anniversary Sale

All-wool Henrietta and Batiste

Splendid Fall Fabrics. Yard . . . 89c

Colors are black, cardinal, wine, Burgundy, Copenhagen, prune, navy, brown, cream, myrtle, reseda, old rose, coral and tan.

\$2.00 All-Wool Plaids, Yard, \$1.39.

48-Inch Black Broad-

cloth, \$2.25.

A good, sturdy cloth with a beautiful satin face and twilled back; sponged and shrunk ready for the needle. In black only. Fine for tailored suits.

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